# FORT MCCOY SAFETY INDUSTRIAL OPERATIONS PROGRAM





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#### Eye and Face Protection

- Typical eye injury accidents
  - Objects striking the eye
  - Contact with chemical and hazardous materials
  - Struck by swinging objects (chains)
  - Viewing radiant energy sources (welding operations or lasers)

#### Eye and Face Protection

- Potential Hazards
  - Dusts, Powders, Fumes, Mist (Grinding, chiseling, sanding, spraying operations)
  - Toxic gasses, vapors, and liquids
  - Flying objects and particles (Grinding, chiseling, sanding, hammering operations)
  - Large objects
    - Swinging chains, cables and ropes
    - Tools that are thrown or fall
    - Any sharp object (scissors, knives)
    - Walking or falling into obstructions

### Eye and Face Protection (con't)

- Potential Hazards
  - Molten metals
  - Electrical hazards (arcs and sparks)
  - Thermal and radiation hazards (welding)
  - Lasers

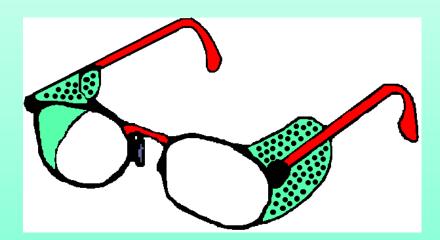
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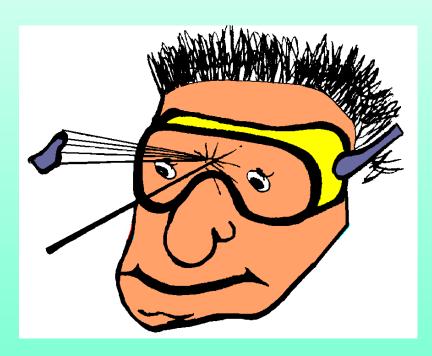
- Machine Guards (lathes, grinders, sanders)
- Work area barriers (screens)
- Ventilation
- Lighting
- Signs and Warnings
- Eyewash stations (within 100 ft or 10 second rule) flush eye with water for **15 minutes** - hold eye open with fingers and look INTO the water stream - DO NOT RUB eye. After flushing seek medical attention

#### **Protective Measures**

- Safe Work Practices -
  - Read and follow all warnings and precautions
  - Do not throw tools or participate in horseplay
  - Keep sharp or pointed tools away from eyes

- Safety Glasses
  - Most widely used
  - Stronger than regular
  - Sideshields
  - Prescription and non prescription available
  - Lens coating
  - Z-87 approved

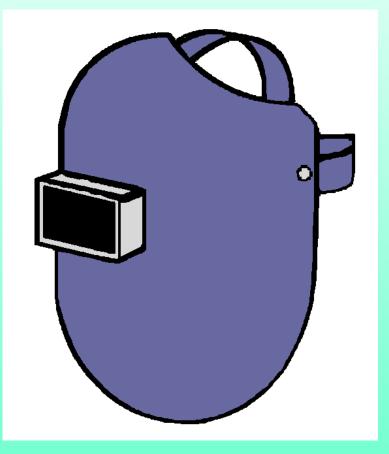




- Goggles
  - More protection than safety glasses – especially from flying particles
  - Splash goggles whenever liquids are involved

- Face Shields
  - Full face protection
  - Operations like molten metal, chemical splashed or fine particles
  - Can be used with hard hat
- NOTE: Wear safety glasses with face shield





- Welding Helmets
  - Provide face and eye protection
  - Absorptive lenses filter intense light
  - Should be used with safety glasses

#### Care of Eye Protection Equipment

- Clean with mild soap and water or special wipes designed for protective eye equipment
- **Never** use abrasive soaps, rough paper or cloth towels
- Always keep in good working condition if damaged repair or replace
- Store in sanitary, cool, dry area away from moisture

# When in Doubt -Cover Your Eyes!



#### With Proper Eye Protection